

**Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation
239 S. Main Cross Street
Hanover, IN 47243**

December 11, 2023

Executive Session

The School Corporation Board of Trustees conducted an Executive Session on December 11, 2023, at 5:00PM, prior to the regular Board Meeting. It was held in the Elementary Board Meeting Room located at 273 S. Main Cross Street, Hanover, IN 47243.

Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

The School Corporation Board of Trustees conducted their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Elementary Board Meeting Room located at 273 S. Main Cross Street, Hanover, IN 47243.

The following members of the Board of School Trustees were present:

Mr. Rick Stockdale, President	Mr. John Jones, Vice President
Mrs. Misty Jacobs, Secretary	Mrs. Lacie Deputy, Member
Mr. Jonathan Simpson, Member	

Reading of the Corporation Vision and Mission Statement

Vision – Equipping and empowering all students to reach their full potential.

Mission Statement - The mission of the Southwestern Schools is to be continuously committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment which equips and empowers all students to reach their full social, emotional, and academic potential.

Audience Call

None

Approval of the November 13, 2023, Minutes & Executive Session Verification

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Jacobs, and seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the minutes and Executive Session verification from November 13, 2023, as presented.

Consideration of Treasurer's Report

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Mrs. Jacobs, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the payment of claims listed below.

All Fund Claims #18303 - #18517 Payroll Claims #887, #888 and #889

2024-2025 and 2025-2026 School Year Calendar

This was tabled as no information was provided.

Donations

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Jacobs, and seconded by Mr. Simpson, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the following donations:

- \$350 from Anonymous Donor – Wrestling
- \$100 from Anonymous donation for uniforms – Middle School Girls Basketball
- \$2000 from Anonymous donations – Wrestling
- \$10,000 from Orion New Generation LLC – Food Pantry
- \$1000 from Orion Renewables – Varsity Girls Basketball
- \$250 from Martin Drywall & Acoustical, INC. – Varsity Wrestling
- \$100 from Dr. Kirkpatrick – Wrestling
- \$18.50 from Anonymous Donor – Varsity Girls Basketball
- \$300 from Boys Basketball 3PT Club – High School Cheerleaders
- \$200 from Anonymous Donor – Middle School Basketball Uniforms
- \$200 from Little Golden Fox – Girls Basketball
- \$500 from ABC Employment Holdings, LLC – Girls Basketball
- \$284.10 from Free-In-Need – Elementary School Cafeteria

Personnel

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Jacobs, seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the following personnel items:

Resignations: Jeri Lock – Preschool Route Bus Driver

Tyler Gentry – Business Teacher HS

Employments: Kim Litchfield – ELA Teacher transfer from MS to HS

Chuck Justice – Preschool Route Driver

ECA Positions: Alec Branstetter – Pep Band

Alec Branstetter – Concert Band

Ralph London – Winter Guard

Athletics: Foster Mefford – 7th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach

Whitney Calvert – JV Cheer Coach

Transportation: Extended Substitute Use of Bus Drivers

Wanda Blair – Route 7 Contract Driver

Linda Gray – Substitute Driver

Grover Anderson – Substitute Driver

Tina Hardy – Substitute Driver

Jim Blair – Substitute Driver

Conference Requests:

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the following conference requests:

Cindy Myers – Library Program Conference (Virtual) - \$279 – 1/22/2024 – Paid out of Title 2A.

Elizabeth White, Brittany Watson, Dan Dattilo – Work Based Learning Conference – Noblesville, IN – \$375 - 2/22/24 – Paid out of Title 2A.

Matthew Johnson – Professional Development Science Teachers – Indianapolis, IN - \$418 – 2/18-2/20/2024 – Paid out of Title 2A.

Laura Boldery, Penny Mahoney, Theresa Scroggins –IASBO Annual Conference - French Lick, IN - \$2900 – 5/8-5/10/2024 – Paid out of Title 2A.

Jonathan Stockdale – IN Agricultural Educators Winter Workshop – Trafalgar, IN - \$75 – 1/11/2024 – Paid out of Title 2A.

Dan Thurston, Robert Adams, Michael Howell – IN HS Baseball Coaches Clinic – Indianapolis, IN - \$1162.00 – 1/18 – 1/20/2024 – Paid out of Title 2A.

Wesley Powell – Purdue Pesticide Course and Certification – West Lafayette, IN - \$248 – 02/28/2024 – Paid out of Title 2A.

Field trip Request

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Mrs. Jacobs, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the following Field Trip request:

Hanover Senior Citizens to Lights Under Louisville – Monday November 20, 2023. We provided use of one school bus and one driver. This was at no cost to the corporation.

Budget & Financial

1. Year-End Claims Approval

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, and seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the payments of necessary Year-End Claims

Mrs. Laura Boldery addressed the Board with a request for a motion to allow the payment of necessary claims to close 2023 since there will not be another Board Meeting in December. She will bring a list for the Board's approval at the first meeting in January 2024.

2. Swimming Pool

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, and seconded by Mrs. Jacobs, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the construction of the new swimming pool.

Mrs. Laura Boldery addressed the Board and informed them that we have several estimates on the construction of the new swimming pool:

American Leak Detection is the best price at \$895,000, which does not include the electrical cost. With 2 companies sending quotes of possibly up to \$50,000. Our total being \$945,000.

Other quotes received are:

Spear Corporation (includes electrical) \$950,948

CEM Sales & Service (does not include electrical) \$988,810

Main Line Commercial Pools (does not include electrical) \$1,378,874.

With other unexpected expenses occurring we should expect the total project to be at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars) or more. With the Bethany Legacy Foundation's pledge of \$650,000, leaves \$350,000 for us to decide where that will come from.

The remaining balance in the Construction Fund Loan of \$2,500,000 is \$573,862. If we take the full \$350,000 (if State approves) from there we will have \$223,862. Since they have already approved the money for the elevator and bus parking lot it may be hard to get approval.

Mrs. Boldery did mention that all the quotes except the one from American Leak Detection could possibly increase by 20-25% as it has been over 30 days since we received their quotes. American Leak Detection just gave us their quote and they have stated that it will not go any higher.

Mrs. Boldery mentions that for the pool to be ready for the 2024 swim season, equipment needs to be ordered by the end of 2023 before prices increase.

One other place the money can come from is the Operations Fund. Mrs. Boldery had sent a message to her Budget Field Representative asking if she can give approved amount of the 2024 Operations Fund Budget. An answer may be provided by Monday night. If they give us what she asked for we can take some of it from that fund.

Another place is the Rainy-Day Fund. Mrs. Boldery has asked for approval to spend \$100,000. If that is approved, we can use it for the pool.

In her opinion, we can accomplish several needed projects:

Bus Parking Lot \$253,600(may be increased now) - Construction Loan

Elevator \$197,450(may be increased now) - Construction Loan

Total \$451,050 Leaves \$122,812 Plan on \$100,000

Pool \$100,000 Rainy-Day Fund, 2024 Budget

\$100,000 Construction Loan, left over

\$150,000 Operations Fund, 2024 Budget

\$650,000 Bethany Legacy Foundation

If the Construction Loan does not have that much left over the difference can be taken from either the Operations Fund or the Rainy-Day Fund.

A motion will be needed if you decide to approve the new pool at this meeting.

For the record, there is a 3 Year Warranty on the electrical and a possible reimbursement for the pump that we just purchased.

Mr. Simpson asked if we have the \$89,500 needed for the down payment or do we need to wait on the money from the Bethany Legacy Foundation. Mrs. Boldery assured him that we have it.

Audience Participation:

Mrs. Kim Crawford spoke and requested a copy of the minutes to be emailed to her so she can present to the Bethany Legacy Foundation so they can begin moving forward with the funding.

Mr. Simpson mentioned that he had read it somewhere that we may be able to get the pool chemicals donated.

Mrs. Crawford let everyone know that she has been working with our local health department on that. They are not able to provide the pool chemicals but will be able to pay for the lifeguards that we will need for the required Open Swims that we will hold 2 nights a week.

She also mentioned that she is looking into possibly having Madison Chemical provide our chemicals for us. She will let us know what becomes of it.

Mr. Roger Bickers informed us that he had been speaking with his contact at Madison Chemical, Andrew, and they may not be able to provide the pool chemicals but may be able to help us locate a company that would be willing to provide the needed chemicals.

Superintendent's Report:

Late employment – Kelsi Brierly Schmidlapp CTE/Business teacher MS/HS – beginning 1/4/2024. She will be entering into a transition to teaching program in April 2024.

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Jacobs, and seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the employment:

Mr. Bates wished everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Mr. Stockdale asked if any members of the Board wished to comment or provide information.

Mr. Simpson wanted to thank Shelley Anderson-Hamilton, Tom Scroggins and the whole crew who helped make this year's Turkey shootout a success. Everyone did a fantastic job!

Future Board Meeting Dates:

Mr. Stockdale mentioned that we will need to have a Board Meeting before 1/15/2024. It is tentatively scheduled for 1/8/2024 at 5:00PM.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale and seconded by Mrs. Jacobs. The Board voted, 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Misty Jacobs, Secretary of the School Board of Trustees